

DRAFT BOARDS ARMY COAST-TO-COAST AID JOB-HUNTING MEDICAL BROADCAST TO BE VETS FEB 8 - 1945 LIBRARY AIRED FROM McGUIRE

One of the biggest concerns of American fighting men overseas is this one: "What kind of a job am I going to get after I come marching home again?"

The answer:

You can have your old job back if you want it. And if you don't, you will get a crack at another one, a job for which your
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SMOOTH SAILING DOCKS

AT McGUIRE

Promising to be one of the smoothest of variety shows seen in these waters, USO - Camp Show "Smooth Sailing" is rolling down its gangplank this Thursday and Friday some of the most talented stars ever to book passage to McGuire's shores.

Skipped by Dave
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"BANNER" QUERIES PATIENTS ON FOE

The average German soldier is a dangerous foe but he has his weaknesses, too, according to patients coming to McGuire General Hospital from the battlefields of France. Some typical American soldier observations are as follows:

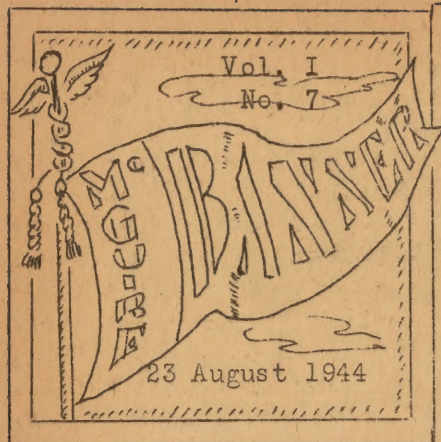
1. Private Frank M. Strempek, Baltimore, Md., wounded on June 6, "The German fights hard but will fold up suddenly when the going gets tough."

2. Private First Class John A. Johnson, Hopewell, Va., paratrooper wounded June 13 at St. Mere Eglise, "The Germans are good fighters. I have to use every combat trick I
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With the arrival of Major Andre Baruch and his troupe of radio people expected next week, the Public Relations Officer announces that McGuire General will soon be readying itself for its first coast-to-coast broadcast.

Produced and directed by Major Andre Baruch, one of the foremost names in big time radio, the 30-minute air show entitled "Visiting Hours" will be broadcast from this hospital with patients and personnel participating. In addition to organizing the show, Major Baruch will serve as master of ceremonies.

The War Department is going to great lengths to set the show off in grand style and a large contingent of talent will accompany the major here. Among these will be an outstanding celebrity whose identity has not
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SEALED LIPS

The men who come back to McGuire all have stories well worth telling.

We take pride, consequently, in the almost universally observed silence with which they cloak the activities of the recent past. They have been well schooled by those of their officers whose care is the security of our units, and the men themselves, their lives having so often depended on the enemy's being kept in the dark, understand the importance of sealed lips.

This self-imposed restraint is all the more remarkable when one considers the tremendous interest of what they could tell, and the manner in which some of us embellish the least crumb of information and broadcast it to the world at large, usually with a "strictly confidential" or "not to be repeated" label.

NEW BONDS AVAILABLE

Baltimore, Md. - The old argument against taking out a Class B War Bond allotment, "I want my bond as soon as I pay for it," doesn't hold good any longer, according to latest word from Third Service Command War Bond Headquarters.

Effective September 1, war bonds purchased through the allotment plan will be issued by local disbursing officers, rather than through the Army War Bond Office in Chicago, it was announced this week.

EM will have their present bond allotments duly credited without having to make out new forms, Baltimore Headquarters said. Officers must execute new Class B forms, however, and attach them to their September pay vouchers.

The new "GI Bond," selling for \$7.50 to military personnel, was created to fill the need of a smaller deduction than the \$18.75 purchase price for a \$25.00 bond. Two of these ten-dollar bonds (at \$7.50 each) can be taken out each pay day, and there can be different co-owners for each, under new rules.

Simplified bond delivery and flexibility to meet personal wishes for any desired combination of bond denominations are expected to bring about an increase in war bond sales under the new ruling, Command Headquarters said.



WAR'S END NOT NEAR, ADMIRAL WARNS

NEW YORK (CNS)--Military defeat of Nazi Germany won't mean the end of the war--not by a long sight.

That, at least, is the opinion Rear Adm. William R. Munroe, commandant of the Third Naval District, voiced in a speech before graduates of the Naval Reserve Midshipman's School at Columbia University recently.

Despite military successes in Europe, it may be years before we gain final victory over Japan, Adm. Munroe said.

"The day of that final assault upon Japan itself is still in the future,"

he added. "Whatever our progress in Europe, the Pacific War still stretches many hard months--- perhaps years-- ahead of us in spite of the bold thrusts of recent days.

"The picture is brighter now than it has been since the war began," the admiral stated. "We still have a long way to go, but we are on our way. Everywhere -- with new weapons and with all the ancient tenacity and fanaticism of mankind-- our enemies are fighting back. But everywhere we are moving forward."

HOBBY CLINIC OPENS

Monday, August 14, witnessed the official opening of McGuire Occupational Therapy Department. Under Major Carlo S. Scuderi, Chief of Orthopedic Surgery Section, and staffed by the personable Misses Koenigsberg and King, well-trained Occupational Therapy Aides, this department is one of the most interesting in the hospital.

The purpose of the department is, quote Miss Koenigsberg, "the restoration of muscular and articular function," and this is accomplished by occupying the patient in a craft or occupation which will involve the corrective exercise his malady or injury requires.

The shop, which is located in the basement of Building #108, is well-equipped and contains a variety of machines and tools designed to capture the heart of anyone who has ever had a hobby or who enjoys working with his hands.

A few of the crafts for which the occupational therapy shop is fitted are: radio, electronics, carpentry, model-building, printing, weaving, drawing and painting. All patients are welcome at any time from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. For those patients who cannot leave the wards, arrangements have been made to bring these crafts to them.

REPORT BOND PURCHASES

In an effort to insure that McGuire personnel receive proper credit for their support of the War Loan Drives regardless of whether the purchases were made on or off the Post, all McGuire personnel, both military and civilian, have been requested to report purchases of war bonds.

Cash purchases of war bonds should be reported to the War Bond Officer in person, by phone, or in writing. This applies to bond purchases made at McGuire or on the outside providing that such purchases were made for cash.

Bonds already purchased for the month of August should be reported immediately to the Bond Officer. As purchases are made from time to time, these, too, should be reported.

ILL WIND IN DENVER

DENVER, COLO.:---A 40-foot tree in the yard of F. J. Blanc blew down during an electrical storm. The family rushed out to survey the damage, and found---the family car wrecked, three high-tension wires blocking an alley, a neighbor's garage smashed, a dog pinned under the wreckage. But that wasn't all. The storm had smashed a hornet's nest and all five members of the Blanc family were stung as they viewed the damage.

SUGGESTIONS SOAR IN JULY

The McGuire Suggestion Campaign really took hold during the month of July with 83 suggestions received and considered, making a grand total of one hundred and nineteen, to date, according to an announcement by Lt. Col. Michael L. Shoppeck, chairman.

A variety of awards from cash to promotion in grade was made for suggestions adopted. In addition to raising morale and increasing efficiency, suggestions thus far have resulted in an estimated annual cash saving of \$1025. Contributions are welcomed from all sources, officer and enlisted personnel, as well as civilian employees.

Suggestions are solicited which will help increase efficiency of operation in any department of McGuire General whether they apply to food preparation in the messes or filing of correspondence in the offices.

McGUIRE GYM OPENS

McGuire's 12,500 square foot of gymnasium, the last word in G.I. athletic recreation facilities, celebrates its formal unveiling for hospital personnel August 30, when its fast basketball floor becomes the scene of the Detachment Dance.

The gym will be the center of physical reconditioning activities for patients, Lt. J. J. Perna, Jr., Special Services Officer announced. A daily schedule of athletics is mapped out to include a period of calisthenics designed for each patient's needs and physical capacity. This period will be followed by a daily session of athletic competition. Such games as shuffleboard, basketball, badminton, and volleyball, with game rules amended, if necessary, to slow down the pace, will serve to whip the patients back to being healthy, physically alert GI's. With close

guidance of Medical Officers, Lt. Perna said, care will be exercised to insure that each patient's activities be geared to his physical capacity. When no organized activity for patients is taking place, post personnel are free to use the gym facilities as they please, Lt. Perna added.

A place to take it out on thy neighbor with leather, in friendly manner or otherwise (but keep it clean....please), will be found in a spacious boxing room, fully equipped with gloves to fit any grudge, and wrestling mats if you prefer that form of quiet entertainment.

A three-wall handball court should be the site of fast and sweaty competition to work off those useless pounds, and to add tough sinew in their place.

The gym is stocked with enough chinning bars, weights, pulleys, stall bars and rowing machines to make any G.I. forget that "I was once a 98-pound weakling."

Volley ball is still another activity expected to be a favorite on the huge floor.

When the workout is all over, a spacious shower room is at the disposal of gym users.

In anticipation of hot athletic competition to take place on the gym floor, bleachers are on hand to accommodate all comers who wish to cheer from the sidelines.

BANNER QUERIES PATIENTS

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over learned," flashed through my mind as I hit the hedgerows, and I certainly used them."

3. Private Ray J. Hiron, Baltimore, wounded June 11 at Normandy, "He doesn't like to fight at night. And that's a good time to go out and get him. You can pick out his position better at night by following the line of his tracer bullets. By day it's hard to see him

because he fights with smokeless powder and from behind hedgerows."

4. Private First Class John Urso, Dawnmont, W. Va., wounded June 12 in Normandy, "He's inclined to be 'trigger happy.'" I've seen them fire aimlessly in the air just to give themselves courage. Generally, however, he's a good shot and a dangerous man with a gun, but he's no match for our man with a bayonet."

COL. DUGGINS CAUTIONS RETURNED VETS

Now that McGuire General has received its first large consignment of sick and wounded, it is important, in the opinion of Colonel P. E. Duggins, commanding officer, that personnel and patients understand the importance of news stories emanating from this hospital. "The Army," he said, "is anxious to have the public fully informed on what this hospital is doing and what the patients have done in combat."

Colonel Duggins stressed the necessity of accuracy in public releases to newspapers, radio, and magazines. "Our part will be to tell our stories accurately and without embellishment. We must also be certain that what we say does not violate military security. That is why we have a Public Relations Officer," he said.

McGuire's commanding officer said further:

"We must never forget that any pertinent news published in newspapers, magazines, or released over the radio is in enemy hands within a few hours. Every soldier returning from overseas has a story to tell, and sometimes, without realizing the danger, might reveal information that would risk the lives of men still overseas. The following points are to be particularly observed.

1. Never talk to newspaper, magazine, or radio reporters about anything pertaining to your over-

seas activities, or regarding McGuire General Hospital without first being certain that the Public Relations Officer has approved the conversation.

2. Stick to personal experiences. You might be asked about operations in which you did not participate but which you have heard discussed and on which you feel informed. Stick to what you, personally, have seen or done.

3. You are proud of your unit but don't reveal its identification unless approved by the Public Re-

lations Officer. He knows which units have been released to the public by the War Department. Don't reveal specific places where you have been stationed. Generalizations, such as "Southwest Pacific, Southern England, and North Africa" are all that are needed for the story.

4. No smart soldier ever talks about secret arms, equipment, procedures, or strength of units. If you have been captured by the enemy and have escaped, don't mention it. The method you (cont'd on page 16)

PATIENTS SPEARHEADED

ATTACK ON "D" DAY

Battle-hardened engineers of the 82nd Airborne Division, several of whom have been admitted to McGuire General Hospital following their evacuation to the United States, fought side by side with infantrymen in the spearhead attack of the division in France which opened the way for the seaborne invasion troops, headquarters of the division has revealed.

A search of Associated Press files since June 6 uncovers some of the amazing exploits which these men, now returned to this hospital, underwent as a part of that famed unit.

Initial units of the engineers went in by parachute and glider along with the first elements of

the division, hours before H-Hour on June 6. They were met by flak and small arms fire, and the gliders faced the enormous difficulties of landing in the small fields of Normandy. Almost incredibly, they succeeded, whereupon they were "available to anyone wanting to know how to load and lash." They did have a little trouble locating one another and getting their equipment together, they said.

When they had assembled they found their first job was to fight as infantry. They threw off local attacks and joined up with paratroopers. From that time on, they were an "odd job" outfit, ready to lend a hand when anyone needed help.



There is nothing quite so funny to the fan in the \$1.10 seat as a baseball player with an unorthodox stance at the plate. You get a fidgety Dan, a foot-in-the-bucket, or an All-Wrong O'Gooly up there on the dish and the customers will bust their sides laughing.

When Tyrus Raymond Cobb first came up to Detroit, the fans almost swallowed their celluloid collars laughing at him. Cobb, who bent over the plate like a T-square with his left hand far up on the fat part of the bat, looked like he was just learning to play. Even the hurlers got a laugh out of Ty. They thought it very unfunny, however, when he began to slice off their legs with vicious line drives.

Rogers Hornsby used to stand half a block away from the platter and he looked like a sucker for anything over the far corner. Actually he could step into an outside pitch and plaster it against the Burma Shave sign in left field. And what's more, he frequently did.

Nick Etten, of the Yankees, has the strangest stance of any player in the American League today. Nick is a good hitter, all right, but he sags at the knees like he was carrying a land-mine detector in the seat of his pants. The fans swallow cigars in high glee every time Nick steps up to bat, but rival pitchers see little that's humorous in those burning liners he hits.

Melvin Ott is another fellow with a funny-looking stance. A left handed hitter, little Mel waves his right foot around in the air just before he swings. He claims he gets more distance into his extra base clouts that way.

If John McGraw, who nurtured Ott at his bosom, was ever tempted to change Mel's stance, he checked himself, as he did with Heinie Groh, who used to bat facing the pitcher, and with Bill Terry, who used to lean back on his heels and let his stomach drape over the plate like a hammock. Groh, armed with a bottle-shaped bat, was the master bunter of his time and Terry, despite his fl t-footed

A tourist, stopping at a filling station was amazed at the sight of the station owner seated at a table playing a game of checkers with a dog.

"That's a right smart dog you have there," he observed.

"Aw, he ain't so smart," replied the owner. "I done beat him two games already."

stance, was the best hitter in the National League for half a dozen years. So McGraw left them alone.

McGraw made one change in a batter's stance, however. Frankie Frisch came to him batting cross handed. "My God," said McGraw. "What is he, a man or a squid?"

THE WOLF by Sansone



BACK THE ATTACK! BUY BONDS!

MCGUIRE CIVILIANS RECEIVE COMMENDATIONS: LAUNDRY & SIGNAL OFFICE HONORED

Workers in two of McGuire's most important installations, the signal office and the laundry, have been publicly commended for devotion to duty and exceptional performance of duty, according to notices received by the Banner today.

Colonel P. E. Duggins, commanding officer, said regarding telephone workers: "The service and courtesy rendered by the personnel of the telephone

exchange, both military and civilian, have been outstanding and is worthy of commendation. In spite of rush hours and increased work, efforts to give service even beyond the call of duty has been quite apparent. I wish to express my appreciation to all for the most efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties."

Laundry workers, about 40 in number, under the di-

rection of James M. Seivert, were commended for the quality of their work and for the fact that in two work months there was only one absence without approval.

Lieutenant Virginia G. Breed, WAC, deputy director, Personnel Division, stated: "It was thought by this office that the work record of the laundry was sufficient to be brought to the attention of the commanding officer."

FEDERAL BALLOT FOR OVERSEAS ONLY

Most recent information on the subject of voting for men in the armed forces indicates that the use of the Federal ballot

is limited to overseas personnel and G.I.'s stationed in the continental United States will have to apply for absentee ballots from the states in which they were qualified as voters.

Those wishing to apply for absentee ballots will find their applications facilitated by use of Form USWBC No. 1, a card convenient for mailing with all essential information listed for checking. This form will be distributed to personnel of this Post through the voting officer from Aug. 20 to 25.

VIRGINIA BALLOTS GO TO GIs

With applications for absentee voting ballots for the state of Virginia nearing the 25,000 mark, R. E. Wilkins, secretary of the Commonwealth, has announced that ballot forms will be mailed out

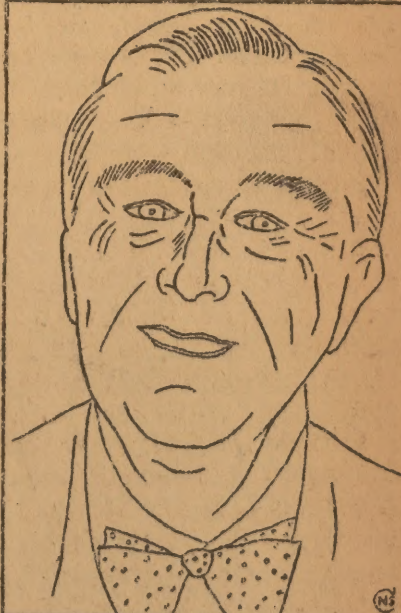
during the next few days. The completed absentee ballot form must be signed and sworn to not later than November 2.

G.O.P. CANDIDATE



THOMAS E. DEWEY
Governor of New York
for President

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE



Franklin D. Roosevelt
of New York
for President

YANKS SPEAK ENGLISH "BANNER" TRANSLATES

With so many of our patients returning from England, a vital service which the Banner hereby gladly initiates for the benefit of those who have been stumbling over the verbal importations of the returned veterans is a brief dictionary of English words and phrases and their American equivalents.

AMERICAN

ENGLISH

gasoline.....	petrol
girdle.....	belt
beer.....	lager
toilet.....	closet
nervous.....	nervy
boner.....	bloomer
suspenders.....	braces
backside.....	bum
roast.....	joint
water heater.....	geyser
dumb waiter.....	service lift
French fried potatoes.....	chips
absorbent cotton.....	cotton wool
men's drawers.....	pants
undershirt.....	vest
cheese cloth.....	butter muslin
chicken yard.....	fowl run
half a pint of ale.....	half a bitter
thick slice of bread.....	doorstep
sneakers.....	plimsols or sand shoes
long distance (telephone).....	trunk
Are you in the telephone book?...Are you on the phone?	
You're connected (telephone)....You're through	
fish knives and forks.....	fish-eaters
street car.....	tram

UNITED NATIONS BALL SAT.

McGuire General Hospital enlisted personnel and all patients physically able to attend are invited to a United Nations Ball to be held in the Mosque in Richmond, Saturday night starting at 9 o'clock. The exposition and entertainment are planned by the Richmond City Division of Recreation.

Dozens of pretty Richmond girls will act as hostesses for the event. They will be dressed in folk costumes of the United Nations, including the countries of Russia, Czechoslovakia, China, Great Britain, and Holland.

Earlier in the evening, from 6 to 8 o'clock, miniature villages will be open to the guests on the banks of Shields Lake in Byrd Park. Colorful scenes of native dances, festivals, games, and dances will be enacted.

Stockbridge, Mass. (CNS)—Mrs. John Decker has filed suit for divorce from her husband. Grounds for the plea: Hubby kept six skunks in their home.

MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff



PRACTICALLY A SIGNAL CORPSE

Looking 'em Over

by S/Sgt.
Bill
Allison

When Tony Cuccinello was playing second base for the Brooklyn Dodgers, he was the champion cigar smoker of the National League. In fact, his fondness for Philadelphia two-fers finally cost him his job with our Bums.

It happened one day when Tony tried to go from first to third on a single to right. He was tagged out standing up.

"Why didn't you slide?" inquired Casey Stengel, who was coaching at third.

"What!" bellowed Tony, "And break my cigars?"

That winter Casey sold Tony down the river to Boston.

Ernesto Natali Lombardi, the nose that walks like a man, snored with such fervor that no one would room with the fellow, despite the fact that he was the most popular player on the New York Giants.

All's well with Ernest now, however. He finally has a roomy--Pitcher Bill Voiselle, who's so deaf he

has been classified 4F by his draft board.

Joltin' Joe DiMaggio's big bat is as fat as ever. Playing centerfield for the 7th AAF in Hawaii, he recently clubbed four homers in four games and has a batting average of .441 for 31 times at bat..... Johnny Vander Meer, of Sampson and Virgil Trucks, of Great Lakes, are two of the hottest pitchers in the Navy. Fireball Johnny has fanned 55 men in 45 innings, and Trucks, who has an earned run average of 0.73, has whiffed batters at the rate of 1.43 an inning...Randy Gumpert, formerly of the A8s, recently pitched a perfect game for the Coast Guard Dolphins at New London, Conn. Not a batter reached base against Randy..... The Boston Red Sox bid for a pennant took a terrible set-back when Pitcher Tex Hughson, Second Baseman Bobby Doerr, and Infielder Jim Tabor were called for pre-induction physicals...

Three Boston Braves, Max Macon, Stan Dlipp, and Chet Ross, have been classified 1A, and so have Max Marshall, Reds, Preacher Roe, Pittsburgh, Nappy Reyes, Giants, and Mickey Owen, Dodgers...Tommy Loughran, 41-year-old former Philadelphia "dancing master" and ex-light heavyweight king of the world, is expecting a discharge from the Marines as overage.

You never can tell in baseball. The Ft. Sheridan (Ill.) nine lost 17 of its first 19 games against competition with other service teams, then turned around and beat the Chicago White Sox, 8-6..... And the Great Lakes Blue-Jackets had won 16 straight and 39 out of 40 before they bowed to the Brooklyn Dodgers who occupy the National League cellar.

Gene Tunney predicts the greatest sports boom the United States ever has known immediately after the war.

MALE CALL

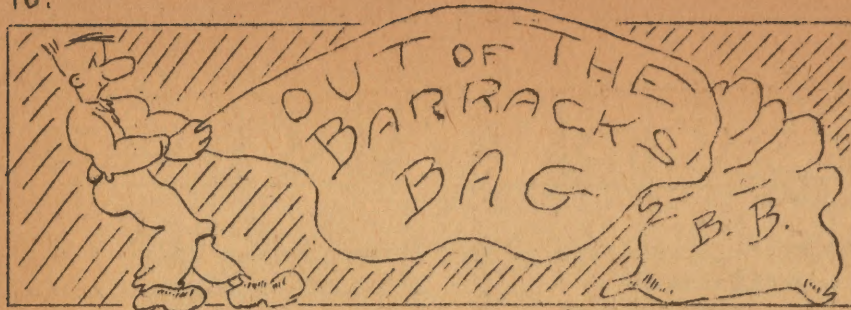
by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

EVERYTHING WENT PINK



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MILTON CANIFF



LONDON (CNS)--Adolf Hitler, the Berlin radio said, told a recent meeting of Nazi party leaders that what Germany needed was a leader who would "under no circumstances capitulate" and that he was that man.

ATLANTA, GA. (CNS)--This ad ran in a Sunday edition of the Atlanta Journal: WANTED -- Typist, smart enough to be worth \$135 a month, yet dumb enough to start for less.

LAUREL, MASS. (CNS) --- Fleeing from police, William Usrey ran past a fruit stand. Then he had a bright idea. He buried his head in a watermelon as the police approached. The cops weren't fooled however. They nabbed him anyway.

BUTTE, MONT. (CNS) --- Irked by poor service in a local restaurant, a testy customer jabbed the waitress with his fork. This fit of pique cost him 90 days in the county workhouse.

CHICAGO, ILL. (CNS)--Arrested for carrying a gun in his belt, Braden French, a visiting hill-billy explained that friends back in Tennessee told him Chicago was a tough town.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. (CNS)--After they had received a telephoned complaint of "boy trouble," policemen rushed a squad car to Madison street. There they found that a seven-year-old girl had put in the call because her nine-year-old brother was "teasing me."

BROOKLYN, N.Y. (CNS)--Mrs. Olga Sadosh was given a suspended sentence on a charge of permitting a cow to roam the streets of Brooklyn. She promised to restrain the heifer.

DEDHAM, MASS. (CNS) -- Woodbury Rank, the late millionaire, left \$100,000 for the care of his cat, Buster, and cancelled bequests of \$20,000 to nine cousins "because of their contemptuous attitude and cruelty toward my cat."

ASTORIA, N. Y. (CNS)---A local resident snores so loud that neighbors have threatened him with bodily harm if he doesn't cut it out. He has applied to the police for protection.

COLUMBUS, S. C. (CNS)--A Columbus native was arrested here for failure to carry a draft card. Later he produced the draft card, all right, and it was OK, too, except that it was dated 1918.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. (CNS)--When his landlord threatened to evict him for snoring, a troubled tenant complained to the OPA, which ruled "no grounds for eviction."

NEW YORK (CNS)--A poller of public opinion has discovered that girls who sell tickets in movie houses have a better chance of catching a husband than those employed in other lines of work. Stenographers come out second best, with waitresses, lady riveters, and salesladies following in that order. Women lecturers have the worst chance of finding a husband while at work, the poll indicated.

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (CNS)--A lady war worker has appealed to her ration board for permission to cease sharing the ride with another employee of her plant. This person always changes his pants in the back seat of her car, she claims.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH (CNS)--Warden J. H. Harr has warned the inmates of Utah State Prison not to use the time-honored cry "We Wuz Robbed" at prison ball games. Both umpires, the warden explained, were serving stretches for robbery.

SEATTLE, WASH. (CNS) --- Fishing in Puget Sound, Harry Howard hooked a salmon. Then a seal swallowed the salmon. The seal gave Harry a 25-minute battle but finally he landed it--for the oddest catch of the year.

SPORTS CHATTER

By S/SGT. BARRY SCHECTMAN

Suspense! Drammer! Whatta ball game! We're speaking, of course, of the epic struggle between the McGuire Generals and Naval Training School played at Fonticello, August 10. This battle to see who would tie with Reynolds for the Municipal League Title was the finest softball we've ever witnessed.

Navy started fast as usual putting a hit and a walk together for one run and there it stood for the balance of the contest. Navy waved helplessly at Atmanchik's hurling thereafter, having only four more men to get on base and never more than one an inning. Matter of fact, Johnny pitched scintillating four hit ball which is certainly par for the course against a team of

sluggers like Navy.

At any moment throughout the game it looked as though we were about to knock the props from under "Lefty" Parsons, Navy hurler, but we never made it. Even with three men on base and one out in the 5th inning, we got stymied in our attempt to even up the score.

The team played sparkling defensive ball, but that little break failed to materialize - 'naw Navy went into a tie with Reynolds for first place and we sort of slip out of the Pennant Picture-- Heart-breaking, but true!

It was a colossal-tension-filled ball game and the jammed stands were in a frenzy all the way trying to help shove those runs across -- but the sluggers weren't slugging.



"GI" SPORTS CONFERENCE

The first meeting of the newly-formed Virginia Servicemen's Athletic Conference for the purpose of electing officers and setting up a program of athletic competition among service teams was held on August 7.

The Conference was formed to arrange intramural sports contacts between military camps, posts, and stations in the state of Virginia. A football schedule was set up and a softball tournament was announced to begin August 28. On that date the McGuire Generals will meet the Richmond Army Air Base in the first game of the tournament at Fonticello Park.

If response to this type of activity is found to be adequate, a meeting in October will set up a basketball schedule for the Conference.

Then Navy goes and loses to the Patent Office which still proves you can never tell in sports --

Other contests --
McGuire 3 - Wortendyke 0
Ancypowic pitching 3 hitter.
McGuire 16 - Bellwood 2
Ancy giving four hits.

Friday night's game with the Patent Office was a thriller, with plenty of excitement in the air even before the game started. That old record book has been taking quite a kicking around these last few
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FAMED 100TH INFANTRYMEN PATIENTS AT MCGUIRE

"SPORTS CHATTER"

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games. Games that looked one-sided ended up with the picked favorite on the short end of the score board. Reynolds Metal took an 8 to 6 pasting from a Hopper aggregate which had only won one game prior in the last half of the season. And the powerful Navy team can't hoist their bell-bottom trousers too high on their chest because only a couple of days before, they were kicked from their crows nest by a weaker Patent Office.

McGuire took this same Patent Office Friday night for a score of 2 to 1, but it was a tight game from the start. The McGuire infield got quite a working over with two new players holding down second and third. But Atmanchik was plenty in the groove and pitched a spectacular one hit game. Allison came through with one of the hardest hit balls for a solid home run in the opening moments of the game. Catcher Allison let the first four pitches go past, and the count stood 2 to 2. But that fifth pitch was one he liked, and he smacked that ball almost out of the ball park.

The Generals meet Reynolds on Friday at Byrd Park at 7:00 p.m.

Included in some of the first assignments of patients to McGuire General Hospital was a number of the famous 100th Infantry Battalion, the Japanese-American warriors whose name has become legend in the Fifth Army in Italy. The 100th, which recently received a citation from Lieutenant-General Mark W. Clark, has participated in fighting on virtually every front established in the drive through Italy.

Among members of the 100th received in McGuire General were: T/4 Suehiro Motoa, Pfc. Tomuershu Kadota, Pfc. Lawrence Tsuchiva, Pfc. Chester Hada, Pvt. Nobuyoski Tamashire, and Pvt. Hirashu Ogato. Private Hada was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in Italy.

Going into action first in the Naples area, the battalion fought its way across the Volturno River and the Rapido River, and was in the front lines at Anzio and took part in the breakthrough to Rome.

The 100th Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat team, of which it is a part, are composed of Americans of Japanese descent, all of whom volunteered for service. The majority of the soldiers in the 100th are from the Hawaiian Islands.

The mission for which the battalion was cited was accomplished June 26 and 27 in the vicinity of

the Belvedere and Sassetta, Italy. A strong German center of resistance dominated the vital high-ways and impeded the advance of American infantry. In the face of numerically superior forces of Nazi infantry and artillery, the battalion fought its way to the defended positions and completely destroyed the enemy flank positions, killing 178 Germans, wounding 20 and capturing 70 in process.

In ten months of almost continuous action only two soldiers of the 100th were captured by the Germans, while the battalion took hundreds of prisoners, killed hundreds more, and destroyed vast quantities of enemy materiel.

More than 1,000 Purple Hearts, 44 Silver Stars, 31 Bronze Stars, nine distinguished Service Crosses and three Legion of Merit medals have been awarded to the unit. Fifteen enlisted men have received battlefield commissions after displaying outstanding leadership in combat.

There never has been a case of desertion or absence without leave in the 100th, although there were two cases of "reverse AWOL." Before their battle wounds were completely healed in a field hospital behind the lines, two soldiers left the hospital and hitchhiked their way to their companies on the battlefields.

VETS GET HELP THIS TIME: NOT CONFETTI

When servicemen came from fighting the first World War, they found a hearty welcome awaiting them--but not much else. Comparisons of conditions confronting veterans returning from the present war, the Banner believes, are entirely favorable to the men and women of 1944.

World War I

Severance Pay . . . \$60 top discharge bonus
 Total Disability Pay . . . \$30 top a month
 Veterans Administration . . . None
 Hospitals . . . None
 Boards to review discharges . . . None
 Claims procedure . . . slow
 Educational opportunities . . . None for able-bodied.
 Vocational training . . . Only for disabled.
 Apprenticeship training . . . None
 Loan provisions for the purchase of homes, farms, or small businesses . . . None
 Employment aids . . . No effective service
 Unemployment benefits . . . None

World War II

\$300 top muster-out pay
 \$250 top a month
 V. A. a full war agency with priorities.
 \$500,000,000 expansion authorized of present structure of 100 V. A. Hospitals.
 Authorized by G. I. Bill of Rights
 Quick settlement of claims mandatory under new law.
 Schooling for all whose educations were interrupted, delayed, or impeded by war service, with provision for \$50 a month subsistence allowance from the government, plus \$25 a month for dependents, plus \$500 a year for tuition.
 For all who want it on same terms as above.
 For all desiring it.
 Government guarantees 50% of loan, limit being \$2,000.
 Veterans' employment service, job-counseling, and job-placement service provided.
 \$20 a week for a period not to exceed 52 weeks.

ARMY "SANTA" GETS EARLY START

Christmas for that G. I. has been designated as buddy of yours over in "Christmas-mail month" for England, France, or Italy soldiers serving overseas. Packages will be accepted is less than two months for overseas mailing during that period without away as far as the Army Postal Service is concerned. the presentation of a request from the soldier.

The month between September 15 and October 15 Gift packages, again, week.

COAST TO COAST BROADCAST

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been released as yet. Scheduled for broadcast at 3:30 p. m. September 2, preparations for the Columbia network radio program will get under way when the troupe arrives early next week. A special script writer will devote approximately a week's time prior to air time in interviewing patients for story material, and lining up a cast.

Included in the troupe will also be a large group of musicians who were former members of the country's leading orchestras before entering the Army. They will be on hand to supply the musical beat to the program.

Approximately ten patients will be heard on the program. Some of five of them will participate in a portion of the program know as "The Cracker Barrel." At that time they will have the opportunity to air their own personal feelings on a variety of subjects. The reception that this portion of the program received when broadcast from other army hospitals assures that it will be a popular feature here, too.

Major Baruch is remembered for his work on many of the leading national programs. He was commissioned in the army shortly after Pearl Harbor, and accompanied the American troops which invaded North Africa. He later established radio headquarters there and headed up the radio department for that whole theatre of operations.

Major Baruch is married to the well-known popular singer, Bea Wain. Word has reached the Banner that she will visit with the Major in Richmond. Although she is not expected to be a member of the "Visiting Hour" radio troupe, it is believed that Miss Wain will entertain the hospital during her stay.

EM'S OFF TO BIG START

Starting with a highly successful beer party last night in the mess hall, enlisted men and women of McGuire General Hospital were off to more entertainment after-hours than has been their good fortune in some weeks.

Tonight comes the super picnic for McGuire enlisted personnel which is being given under the auspices of the USO and the National Jewish Welfare Board. A large number of young women of Richmond and vicinity will be on hand to serve the food and drinks and to provide dancing partners for the men. Dancing will be under the stars at Forest Hill Park, and transporta-

tion will be provided, leaving the Administration Building at 7 o'clock. Persons expecting to attend should place their names on the space provided on the detachment's bulletin boards.

Tomorrow night (Thursday), the USO-Camp show, "Smooth Sailing," comes to the McGuire Red Cross auditorium. Details of the show and its cast of players is contained in another section of the Banner.

McGuire's new gymnasium will be formally opened Wednesday night, August 30. A jive band will be present for the occasion. Persons attending are permitted to bring guests.



CPL.
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GATES

KEESLER HILL, MISS.

"Who repaired this bomb release? . . . Every time I pull th' lever—this happens!"

DRAFT BOARDS AID GIs TO GET JOBS

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training in the service has fitted you.

Here's the way it's going to work:

A new memorandum on veterans' assistance has been issued by National Selective Service Headquarters appointing a re-employment committeeman to every local board in the country. His job is to help place you in employment after the war.

Let's suppose, for a starter, that the job you left behind isn't available when you return. Maybe your employer went out of business. Or maybe your old job doesn't exist any more.

In either case, your first recourse is your old draft board. There you will be placed in contact with the re-employment committeeman who will review your service career, find out just what kind of work you are qualified to do. Then he will go to bat for you.

If you can't get or don't want your old job, you will probably be referred to the veterans' employment representative of your home town U. S. Employment Service Office. He will be in touch with employers not only in your community but all over the country, and he'll be able to recommend the best place to get the kind of work you want and can do.

If you want to buy a farm or rehabilitate your

old business with the aid of a Federal loan, you can get one through the GI Bill of Rights. And if you want a railroad job, you will be referred to the nearest office of the U. S. Railroad Retirement Board where you'll find out what jobs are open and how you can qualify.

Now, for the sake of argument, let's pretend you want to return to your old job, which is exactly what many GI's want to do.

In the first place, you have to apply to your ex-employer for your old position within 40 days after your discharge from the service. Once you've done this, he has to take you back unless his circumstances have changed so as "to make it impossible or unreasonable to reinstate" you.

After you have made your application, the law states that your old employer must take you back without loss of seniority and he cannot fire you "without cause" within a year.

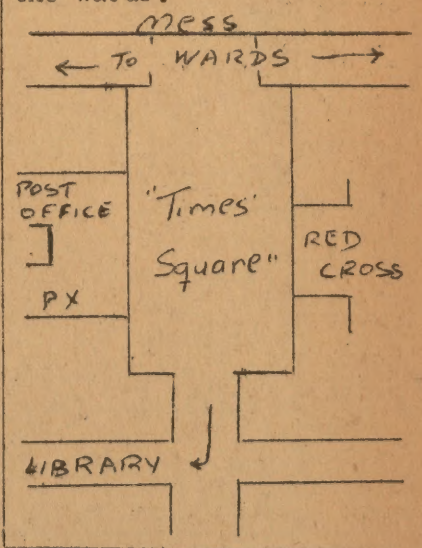
In addition to the protection you get under the law, the CIO and the AFL have agreed to give you a month of job security for every month you were in the service after Sept. 1, 1940. This applies not only to veterans who were union members before their induction but also to those who worked but didn't belong to a union and to those who never

MUSICAL LIBRARY OPENS

A well-stocked library was embellished last week with the addition of a genuine Capehart combination radio and record-player with a fine collection of classical and semi-classical recordings.

For the patient with a taste for the higher things in music, the library is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The library is located in Building #207 and has a book for every taste. For those patients who cannot leave the wards, a book cart makes a daily tour of the wards.



held a job before.

If your old boss should fail to give you your job back after you have made application, you can file suit in U. S. District Court where, if he is reasonably satisfied that you have a case, the U. S. Attorney will handle your case without cost to you.

RED CROSS

RECREATION PROGRAM
RED CROSS AUDITORIUM
22-25 August

Wednesday, August 23
BARNEY ABRAMS AND HIS USO
BAND: 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
RED CROSS STAFF PARTY:
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 24
CHECKER TOURNAMENT:
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
COMMUNITY SING:
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
USO CAMP SHOW - SPECIAL
SERVICES: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Friday, August 25
BADMINTON: 2:00-3:00 p.m.
COFFEY AND BRITTAIN, SONG
TEAM FROM WASHINGTON:
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
RED CROSS AUDITORIUM OPEN
FROM 10:00 a.m. UNTIL
9:00 p.m.

LANCASTER, PA.:---Robert Hoover, farm worker, paused in his work of trimming a hedge long enough to chop a copper-head snake into several pieces. Later, he picked up the pieces with the intentions of burying them. Still later, he was admitted to a Lancaster hospital suffering from snake-bite because the business end of the snake refused to die.

HARRISBURG, PA.:---Swarms of May flies aggravated residents of Harrisburg, Pa., and temporarily stalled several electric locomotives pulling trains of vital war materials. The flies, attracted by the headlights of the engines, smashed against the engines and piled up against the trolley insulators and short circuits were the result.

"SMOOTH SAILING" AT MCGUIRE

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Appolon, internationally known Broadway and Hollywood musical funny man, the crew of merry makers includes the Broadway favorite, Wynn Murray, whose style of "hot" singing earned her leads in such Broadway hits as "Babes in Arms," "Boys from Syracuse," etc.

Arlina, a "Tap-Happy Dancer," who has been featured with such leading orchestras as Jimmy Dorsey's Abe Lyman's, Woody Herman's, and Alvino Rey's, will hit the deck with her famous dancing legs.

Tom Osborne will be on hand with some of the slickest card tricks in the business. McGuire may be a far cry from some of the night clubs this artist has entertained in, but cutting cards has always been a favorite with GI's.

Rounding out the crew will be Hart and Dunes, "The Professor and His Pupil," an act which has been wowing audiences with flying straw hats, hoops, and Indian clubs.

"Smooth Sailing" will dock with the patients and military personnel in the Red Cross Auditorium Thursday evening and visit the wards on Friday.

BILOXI, MISS.(CNS)--Hard pressed for manpower, one local semi-pro baseball team has a 12-year-old shortstop in its lineup.

BUY WAR BONDS!



POST THEATRE PROGRAM 23-31 August

Wednesday, 23 August
THE FALCON IN MEXICO
Tom Conway, Mona Maris

Thursday, 24 August
MR. SKEFFINGTON
Bette Davis, Claude Rains,
Walter Abel

Saturday, 26 August
SING, NEIGHBOR, SING
Ruth Terry, Lulubelle,
and Scotty
SHE'S A SOLDIER TOO
Beulah Bondi, Nona Foch,
Lloyd Bridges

Sunday, 27 August
I LOVE A SOLDIER
Paulette Goddard, Sonny
Tufts, Beulah Bondi

Tuesday, 29 August
TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT
Phil Baker, Edward Ryan,
Marjorie Maseow

Wednesday, 30 August
THE KID FROM SPAIN
Eddie Cantor, Robert Young,
J. Carroll Naish

Thursday, 31 August
MR. WINKIE GOES TO WAR
Edward G. Robinson, Ruth
Warrick, Bob Haymes

COL. DUGGIN'S

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used might be helpful to someone else. The people who helped you might still be able to help others.

5. Remember, there is no "off-the-record" conversations in war. Be careful whom you talk to and be sure the Public Relations Officer approves of what you have to say when you do talk.